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Focus on the future



Colonel Christopher Weggeman (left), 12th Operations Group commander, addresses the audience at the 559th Flying Training Squadron change of command ceremony Nov. 17. Lt. Col. Michael Pipan (center) relinquished command of the squadron to Lt. Col. Jimmy Donohue (right). (Photo by Capt. Heather Kekic)

AF declassifies elite aggressor program

WASHINGTON – After decades of secrecy, the Air Force acknowledged, on Nov. 13, that it flew Communist-built fighters at the Tonopah Test Range northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada.

From 1977 through 1988, the program, known as Constant Peg, saw U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine aircrews flying against Soviet-designed MiG fighters. This program was used as training for American pilots to better learn how to defeat or evade the Communist bloc's fighters of the day.

Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, is a former member of the 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron who remembers the valuable training the unit provided.

"Constant Peg afforded pilots an opportunity to learn how to fight enemy aircraft in a controlled, safe environment, without having to endure the risks of actual air combat," said General Carlisle. "Typically a pilot would start with a basic familiarization flight to observe the enemy airplane and study its characteristics, practicing 'one-on-one' defensive and offensive maneuvers against it, and finally, experience multi-bogey engagements high over the desert scrubland of the Nellis AFB ranges."

As a result of marginal performance of American fighter forces in the skies over North Vietnam, Constant Peg complemented other revolutionary training programs such as Red Flag, Top Gun and the Air Force and Navy-Marine aggressor squadrons. The program was also intended to eliminate the "buck fever" or nervous excitement many pilots experience on their first few combat missions.

Historical experience indicated that pilots who survived their first ten missions were much more likely to survive a complete combat tour, and Constant Peg was intended to teach them the right maneuvers to enable them to come out on top of any engagement.

The end of the program nearly coincided with the end of the Cold War, by which time, some of its trainees had already proven

themselves in actual air combat.

Threat aircraft flown by the Red Eagles, representing enemy aircrews, spanned several decades and technical generations of capability.

The MiG-17 Fresco, a small, agile single-seat transonic fighter, was placed in service just after the Korean War and used extensively over Vietnam and the Middle East.

The MiG-21 Fishbed, a high supersonic fighter, was used world-wide in large numbers, and the swing-wing MiG-23 Flogger, likewise in global service, was an attempt by the Soviets to match the sophisticated capabilities of the F-4 Phantom.

"Although it came too late to influence Vietnam, Constant Peg training greatly influenced the success of American Airmen in Desert Storm," General Carlisle said. "They shot down 40 Iraqi fighters, many of which were Fishbeds and Floggers."



A MiG-23 aircraft. (Courtesy photos)



A MiG-21 aircraft.



A MiG-17 aircraft.

DAR selects instructors, students of the year

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored the top Randolph aviation instructors and students of 2006 in a special ceremony at the Officers' Club Wednesday.

After a short introduction by Col. Christopher Weggeman, 12th Operations Group commander, Lynn Forney Young, state regent of the DAR, presented the awards in four categories.

Maj. Jeffrey Wallace, 560th Flying Training Squadron, was selected as instructor pilot of the year.

First Lt. Marcus McGinn, 560th FTS, was selected as student instructor pilot of the year.

Capt. Martin Salinas, 563rd FTS, was selected as Combat Systems Officer instructor of the year.

Second Lt. Jason Jording, 563rd FTS, was selected as student CSO

of the year.

Candidates for the awards are nominated by their squadron commanders and the list of nominees is submitted to the DAR for final selection.

In his remarks, Colonel Weggeman paid tribute to the skill of all the aviators in the training program, represented in the ceremony by the nominees.

"This has been a year of transition, including the inactivation of the 558th FTS, the continuing transition from the T-37 to the T-6A, and the move to the single training pipeline for CSOs," the colonel said.

The DAR was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history and secure America's future through better education of children.

The society includes 170,000 members in more than 2,000 chapters in the United States and 112 foreign countries.



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In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

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satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander



Training the world's finest Airmen for tomorrow...
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12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

Airmen Pride

Members vital to war effort, world-wide operations

By Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force
Rodney McKinley

Pride in being an Airman in the United States Air Force takes many forms – the way we wear our uniform, the effort we put into our jobs, the attitude we display and the respect we show for our fellow Airmen.

All of us, whether officer or enlisted, came into our Air Force after meeting rigid mental and physical recruiting standards, and being aligned with skills our service needed. Serving as an Airman is an honor that thousands of young Americans want, but do not attain. They are turned away for various reasons at recruiting offices. Those who make it through the door train hard to develop skills that earn them the right to be called an "Airman."

Nowhere is this transformation more dramatic than Basic Military Training. Earning the title of "Airman" is commemorated with a coin ceremony and the chance to don the Air Force blue uniform for the first time. This emotional event gives the trainees an identity within our organization – they are now Airmen in the greatest Air, Space and Cyberspace force in the world.

The sought-after title of Airman is

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one that each of us has worked hard to earn. Why then do we sometimes refer to our fellow Airmen, both officer and enlisted, as "troops" or "kids?" Our level of professionalism must equal the immense responsibility each Airman carries as we continue to fight the Global War on Terror. We don't send "kids" into battle. We send highly-trained and motivated Airmen.

Today, more than 30,000 are deployed worldwide with many more deployed in place, and more than 4,000 Airmen protecting America's skies. In the Global War on Terror, we fly more than 250 missions a day, 45 of which are strike missions against the enemy. We conduct vital airlift for equipment and fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines with one mobility aircraft taking off every 90

seconds. We complete more than 450 satellite supports each day, providing vital data and links for wartime operations. In addition, we have more than 4,500 Airmen on the ground supporting Army taskings in detainee operations, convoys and as interrogators. If you couple that with our direct combat positions, search and rescue, medical and other combat support roles, it's clear to see our Airmen are heavily engaged in winning this war. As Airmen, we have much to be proud of.

You represent our nation and service well. I'm incredibly proud of your professionalism and commitment. Let's continue to respect our heritage and our future in this great United States Air Force by proudly calling each other "Airman."

What makes a wingman?

By Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Bellamy
50th Space Wing Chapel Service Team

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — The single greatest characteristic of Americans is their willingness to accept a challenge. That statement in and of itself could venture down many paths, but take a moment to consider how often you've personally challenged yourself.

Have you ever looked at a sudoku board, a crossword or a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle and thought, "no problem," only to still be working on it two weeks later? The truth is that they are typically more difficult than they first appear.

Today's wingman concept is nothing new. Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski, an early Air Force pioneer who is credited with 28 aerial victories in WWII, said this: "The wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the wingman. The wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you. That's the defensive part. Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The wingman knows what his responsibilities are and knows what mine are. Wars are not won by individuals. They're won by teams."

Today, the strategy of having a good wingman is still relevant, but its application reaches far beyond the arena of aerial assault. When fighter pilots lift off into the great expanses of the sky, they may not know what threats lie beyond the horizon. Similarly, with each new day, we have no idea what lies ahead.

The common denominator is that daily challenges are conquered by responsible choices, and creating a culture of

responsible choices is reinforced by the presence of a good wingman. In the spirit of the Gabreski quote, "personal battles are not won by individuals; they are won by the reinforcement of good wingmen."

The challenge, like a thousand-piece puzzle, is that it can sometimes be more difficult than it first appears. The path of least resistance shouts for us to do nothing while a fellow Airman makes a life or career-threatening decision; however, accepting the challenge of being a comrade in arms is a daily whisper for us to courageously be involved. The moral courage to do the right thing is more than just ornamented words; it is the foundation of our Air Force Core Values: Integrity First.

One could say the acronym TEAM stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More." For centuries, armed forces have strategized how their individuals can operate as a unit on the battlefield.

Unity is the key to effectiveness: If we want the "more," then we must have the "together." Your role as a sterling wingman is vital to any level of success.

In the coming year, imagine zero incidents of driving under the influence, zero substance abuse cases, zero safety incidents, zero domestic violence reports and zero suicides. If we achieved this vision, our Air Force would be heralded as a picture of strength and community.

This puzzle begins with a thousand little pieces, and even though it may be more difficult than it first appears, what a beautiful picture it will be when all the pieces come together.

Your piece of the puzzle is important. Make good decisions. Let's all be a part of the solution.

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Articles may also be sent by e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil or by fax at 652-5412.

For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.

Volunteers Needed for Tax Assistance Program

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread editor

The Randolph Tax Center needs volunteers for the Income Tax Assistance Program to help Team Randolph members with their 2006 income tax preparations.

Last year, volunteers assisting in the program saved nearly 1,500 Team Randolph members more than \$239,900 in preparation fees and secured more than \$1.8 million in tax refunds, according to the tax center.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is run in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and is supervised by specialists from the base legal office, said Capt Bradley Henderson, 12th Flying Training Wing assistant staff judge advocate.

Volunteers may be active duty or retired members or their dependents, Capt Henderson said. They will attend a free four-day training class, conducted by

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the IRS, starting Dec. 5. An optional one-day class about the TaxWise filing software will be conducted in January.

"During the tax filing season, unit volunteers will be able to set their own schedules for clients and operate from any Internet-connected computer out of their duty sections," said Chris Hull, Randolph Tax Center director. "They may also assist clients in the Randolph Tax Center, located in Building 100."

Because this work may be done during duty hours, unit commanders must give interested individuals their permission before they apply, Ms. Hull said. Other volunteers not working on Randolph will assist exclusively in the Base Tax Center.

"No skills are needed to be a volunteer, we will give you all the training you will need," said Ms. Hull. "We can also use general assistance in receptionist duties, filing, and making copies. Regardless of your level of expertise or hours you can donate, we can certainly use your help."

To volunteer for the VITA Program, call Ms. Hull at the base legal office at 652-6781.





Diana Keany

Air Education and Training Command trainer assignments chief

"Growing up in Oklahoma, I became aware of my Chickasaw Indian heritage at a very early age. I was raised on the Indian land that has been passed down through our family from generation to generation. It is a great honor and privilege to be part of a history and culture that continues to prosper and grow."

American Indian Heritage Month Events

- Showing of the movie "Windtalkers," Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Flight, Building 693.
- American Indian Flag Ceremony Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m. at the Airman Leadership School flagpole.
- American Indian Book and Pictorial Exhibit, through Nov. 30 at the base library, Building 598.

Space A program provides holiday travel options

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The space available air travel program offers Airmen flights to the aircraft's destination when seats are available.

Although the Air Education and Training Command mission at Randolph warrants less transient aircraft than an Air Mobility Command base, the various headquarters located here require support flights that often have open seats.

"One of the great privileges that goes with military service is Space A travel on military aircraft – and that privilege continues after retirement," said Carlos Davila, 12th Logistics Readiness Directorate passenger travel assistant. "I really enjoy being able to help people catch hops to wherever they hope to go. Some days we have a room full of people lined up for a flight and sometimes we go for several days without any available seats."

For a number of years, all seats on military aircraft have been controlled by the Air Mobility Command, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Mr. Davila explained.

"That's done to make the most efficient use of military airlift resources. Persons on official duty and official cargo always have first priority, but after those needs are satisfied it makes good sense to fill the aircraft," he said. "It costs just as much to fly almost empty as it does to fly full, and the aircrews are always happy to help people along."

Flights passing through or originating on Randolph only go to stateside bases. Travelers going overseas may be able to make connections for Space A seats at an east or west coast major military air terminal.

Retirees make up the bulk of Randolph's Space A travelers, Mr. Davila said.

"I think its because they are often able to work

Requesting Space A Seating

- Requests can be filed:
- in person at the terminal located on the second floor of the base operations building
 - by e-mail at www.randolph.af.mil and select 12th Logistics Readiness Division, then Space A Travel
 - by fax at 652-5718
- Passengers should expect to go through the same baggage inspection procedures used at commercial air terminals.

with the uncertainty of scheduling seats to specific locations," he said. "The important thing is for Space A travelers to be patient and flexible."

Requests for Space A seats can be filed with the travel office by active duty military members of any branch of service, federal employees, retirees and Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets for specific destinations as much as 60 day in advance. If no flights are available that meet the traveler's needs in that time, they must file new requests.

Dependents must fly with their sponsors, Mr. Davila said.

The Randolph passenger terminal is located on the second floor of the base operations building. A recorded message about available flights can be found at 652-1854.

Requests can be filed in person at the terminal; by e-mail at www.randolph.af.mil and select 12th Logistics Readiness Division, then Space A Travel; or by fax at 652-5718.

Passengers should expect to go through the same baggage inspection procedures used at commercial air terminals.

For more information, call the passenger terminal at 652-5287.

AFSO 21 produces results for vehicle operations

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The first Air Force Smart Operation effort for the 12th Flying Training Wing kicked off at the Logistics Readiness Division's Vehicle Management Flight Oct. 16.

AFSO 21 is the Air Force's program to refine operations and services at all levels to maximize effectiveness while finding ways to reduce the demand on available resources.

Under the leadership of James Grobe, the wing's lead AFSO 21 facilitator, a team of "stakeholders" from the flight took a week to share ideas and define the processes of their organization.

"AFSO 21 is an opportunity for an

organization to take a close look at itself in ways they had never done before," said Mr. Grobe. "This is a significant culture change for us Air Force civilians, especially since many of us come with a long history of active duty methods behind us."

James Williams, Vehicle Management flight chief said it took a couple days for the team to really grab hold of the concept that they could make changes, but by the end of the week, they identified several areas where they were not using their people most efficiently.

"We have been an all civilian team since the first of the year but were still using some of the older concepts that went with a joint military/civilian set up," he said. "Some people were

working overtime while others didn't have enough work to fill their regular hours."

Mr. Williams said the customers were not getting the service that could have been provided by the flight.

Three major elements of the Vehicle Management Flight are due for changes as a result of this review, Mr. Williams said.

"First, we will train all our drivers to handle all the different vehicles," he said. "That way we won't have some drivers waiting for assignments while others are working overtime."

A second improvement will require a physical reworking of some of the office space, so customers will be able to complete their business in one stop

rather than the current three or four stops, Mr. Williams continued.

"This will save work for our own people too," he said. "We'll be able to rebuild the office space with low-cost self help resources."

The third significant area of improvement is in the dispatch process. The current 14-step process will be reduced to 10 steps. The old process took an average of 59 minutes, where as the new process will take 22 minutes.

Mr. Grobe said the 12th Medical Group is next on the list for the AFSO 21 process. Other elements of the wing will be worked later, but the goal is to use the AFSO 21 program to improve work processes across the entire wing.

Sharing and caring



Air Force Personnel Center members Tech. Sgt. Lisa Pomfret (left) and Staff Sgt. Genise Thompson sort through food Thursday donated by AFPC members. AFPC Junior Enlisted Council and Top 3 members assembled 55 Thanksgiving food baskets which were then given to nominated AFPC families. (Photo by Master Sgt. James Brabenec)

Air Force seeks bilingual recruiters

For Master Sgt. Ruben Perez, communicating with potential recruits involves much more than simply promoting careers in the Air Force. The 341st Recruiting Squadron recruiter's ability to "habla Espanol" with San Antonio's inner city youth and surrounding small-town Mexican-Americans helps him connect with his local community.

Because of that community connection, Air Force Recruiting Service encourages Spanish-speaking Airmen of the rank senior airman with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeant with less than 17 years of total active federal military service to apply for recruiting duty. Those selected could be placed in one of 80 stateside recruiting positions in cities such as San Antonio, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif; Omaha, Neb.; Boston, Mass.; and Miami, Fla., where the ability to speak in Spanish is "highly desired," said Chief Master Sgt. Lester Harvey, Air Force Recruiting Service recruiting screening team chief.

Although the young adults with whom Sergeant Perez interacts speak English fluently, the Airman's ability to converse with the potential recruit's Spanish-speaking family is beneficial. Relationships developed by the recruiter through conversations with the relatives help put the potential recruit at ease with the idea of joining the military and possibly being stationed away from home, he said.

"It's not unusual for the entire family - parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles - to be involved in their son or daughter's decision to join," said Sergeant Perez, a Mexican-American raised in El Paso. "Hispanics are very family oriented and uphold traditions."

Although Airman Consuela Martinez and her mother

are bilingual, the recruiter's ability to advise "Connie" in two common languages and converse with her Spanish-speaking stepfather helped alleviate the home-schooled graduate's separation anxieties, she said.

"I was worried about moving away from home, but Sergeant Perez was straight forward with me and my family, sharing everything I would deal with in the military," she said. "Throughout my time in basic training he stayed in contact with my mother, explaining to her what I was learning that week because she worried about how I was doing."

Today Airman Martinez serves at Langley Air Force Base, Va., as a 1st Medical Operations Squadron health-services management apprentice. Although the 19-year-old misses her family in Pleasanton, Texas, she has toured New York City, looks forward to attending college classes using her tuition assistance benefits, and enjoys her new independent lifestyle, she said.

Of the 50 young adults Sergeant Perez has brought into the Air Force during his two years, about 40 are from Spanish-speaking homes. Being able to offer career opportunities to young adults, who, like himself, may not have had the opportunity to go to college or travel around the world otherwise, is fulfilling, he said.

"I became a recruiter because I wanted to serve as a positive role model for other Hispanic youth," the 19-year veteran said. "The relationships I've developed over the years make it all worthwhile."

Airmen interested in becoming a recruiter can visit the Air Force Recruiting Service Web site at www.afrecruiting.com, and then click on the "Becoming a Recruiter" link for details.

(Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service)

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Airmen's Dining Facility Nov. 23 - Breakfast 7-8 a.m. Lunch - noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 24 - Brunch - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner - 4-6 p.m. Bowling Center Nov. 23 - CLOSED Nov. 24 - noon to midnight Canyon Lake Nov. 23 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enlisted Club Nov. 23 Buffet - 1 p.m. (reservations required) Nov. 24 - no lunch buffet Enlisted club administration office Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Gil's Pub & Cashier's Cage Nov. 23 - noon to 6 p.m.	Nov. 24 - noon to 8 p.m. Fitness Center Nov. 23 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 24 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Golf Course Nov. 23 - CLOSED Nov. 24 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Child development center and annex Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Family child care office Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Human resources office Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Information, tickets and travel office Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Equipment checkout Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED
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Library Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Officers' club Nov. 23 Buffet - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (reservations required) Nov. 24 - club open at 4 p.m. Skeet range Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Arts and crafts center Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Auto skills center Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Wood skills center Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Veterinary clinic Nov. 23 & 24 - CLOSED Youth center Nov. 23 - CLOSED Nov. 24 - 1-6 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Annual tree lighting
The annual tree lighting held in front of the Taj Mahal is scheduled for Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Promotion announced
Congratulations to Maj. Gen. Richard Perraut, Air Education and Training Command, on his recent promotion.

Blood drive
The Wilford Hall Blood Donor Center conducts a blood drive Nov. 30 at the clinic here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center will also host a blood drive at the New Braunfels National Guard Armory in New Braunfels from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 2.

Right decision seminar
A Right Decision Seminar will be held Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Building 399, room B-35. The seminar is mandatory for first-term Airmen who are 15 months out from their date of separation.

RFISD public hearing
The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees holds a public hearing Dec. 7 at 4:15 p.m. in room 21 at Randolph High School. The hearing will focus on the 2005-2006 Academic Excellence Indicators System report from the Texas Education Agency. Immediately following the hearing the board will hold its regular monthly business session. An agenda for the board meeting is available at the district Web site, www.randolphfield.k12.tx.us.

Flu shots
Active duty members may stop by the immunization clinic to receive a flu shot, if they do not qualify for the flu mist. The amount is limited, so the shot will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. A mass flu-shot drive will be conducted at the base theater Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for active duty members only. High-risk patients (under age 2, over age 65, and any individual with health complications) may stop by the clinic to receive their flu shot starting Tuesday. A mass flu-shot drive will be conducted at the base theater Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for active duty and high-risk patients only. Flu shots will be given to the general public beginning Dec. 4.

NCOA job fair
The Non-Commissioned Officer Association hosts a national job fair from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Live Oak Civic Center. More than 60 companies are scheduled to attend. Free seminars on civilian employment will also be available.

Hometown news releases
The Army and Air Force Hometown News Team is now receiving inputs directly from military individuals for release to hometown news outlets. Individuals may submit their own news to the Web site <https://hn.afnews.af.mil/Webpages/2266.html>. Public Affairs codes to use on the forms are : at the top of the form, PAO Code is D08 (that's a zero in the middle); at the bottom of the form; PAO phone number is 652-2305, and PAO e-mail address is gabriel.myers@randolph.af.mil. For more information, call Gabe Myers, 652-2305.



Travis Teboe

Unit: 12th Communications Squadron
Duty Title: Information technology project manager
Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.
Hobbies: Alternative energy and gardening. I have designed and am testing a power production device to harness waste airflow energy from air conditioning units. I also enjoy growing orchids and epiphytic plants.
Goals: To design my own super efficient earth sheltered home and use wind and solar energy to provide for my limited power needs and have excess power to push back into the power grid for others to use.
Greatest Accomplishment: I found and married my very best friend more than 20 years ago. I gave her a coupon for 55 years of marital bliss on our wedding night and I continue to work hard to fulfill my promise to her. She has been, and continues to be, the greatest inspiration in my life.
Personal Inspiration: To leave the smallest environmental footprint possible on this planet during my life.
Personal Motto: Everything in moderation.
Pet Peeve: People who don't use their turn signals and wasteful neglect of our planet.
Commander's Comments: "Travis is a true professional; bright, enthusiastic and always customer focused. A real pleasure to have on the 12th CS team."

Lt. Col. Donald Brown
12th Communications Squadron commander

12 MX honored for excellence

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Maintenance Directorate held a special Director's Call Nov. 9 to thank the people of the directorate for their excellent performance during the recent 19th Air Force Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection. "Word from the inspection team was they had never seen better than what they found in the 12th MX," said Ronald Patterson, 12th Maintenance Directorate director of maintenance.

The report, released Oct. 23, included the results of 1,458 specific points of evaluation. The inspection team identified one "Best Practice," six honorable mentions, and reported that 99 percent of the personnel passed their proficiency tests.

"This was a full team effort," Mr. Patterson said, as he thanked the people of the directorate assembled in Hangar 4. "Everyone in the organization pulled their own weight and the team benefited from their efforts."



Mr. Patterson said the team's professional attitude, during the inspection was commendable.

"The end product is proven in the successful flying mission of the whole wing," he said. "We can take pride in that."

"RESCUE" IS A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE...

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ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY



Randolph Air Force Base houses more than 30 mission partners, including Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and 19th Air Force to name a few. Each organization conducts a unique operation,

essential to the Air Force mission. These units, along with the 12th Flying Training Wing, are what make Randolph Air Force Base the "Showplace of the Air Force." This column is one of many focusing on one of these very special mission partners.

Civil Air Patrol recruits youth on Randolph

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Some active duty and former Randolph Airmen have risen voluteered to train and mentor potential future military and civilian leaders.

As part of one of the most active Civil Air Patrol squadrons in the San Antonio area, the Randolph Composite Squadron currently has 22 cadets and eight senior officers.

The squadron's primary mission is to train and mentor youth for leadership roles in public and military professions, said CAP Tactical Flight Officer Andrew Pearson (active duty airman first class).

"We encourage young people, age 12 through 21, to get involved because they will gain skills that will help them the rest of their lives," said Officer Pearson.

The cadets conduct their own meetings and training drills under guidance from the senior squadron members, he said.

"We believe the best way to learn leadership is to have the cadets put those skills into practice," he said.

Officer Anderson, who is also the squadron leadership officer, said the cadets learn about Air Force traditions and history, practice drill and ceremonies, and participate in community service projects.

"We'll be supporting the Randolph holiday tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 30 as part of our public service program," he said. "We also help marshal aircraft at the annual Kingsbury, Texas, fly-in for light aircraft."

The CAP is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, said Officer Anderson. It was officially organized early in World War II as a civilian auxiliary to assist active duty military forces by patrolling United States coastlines. During the war, CAP patrols sighted 173 enemy naval craft off the eastern shores, attacked 57 of them, and sank two submarines. In the process, however, 90 aircraft went down with the loss of 26 CAP aircrews.

Today, the CAP is an auxiliary of the Air Force and is commanded by Maj. Gen. Tony Pineda. It is headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The Randolph composite squadron is commanded by CAP Capt. Lincoln Sundman (retired chief master sergeant).

Nationwide, the CAP owns the largest fleet of single engine aircraft in the world, mostly Cessna 152s and 172s. CAP aircraft were the first to fly a reconnaissance mission over Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001. It still flies surveillance patrols around the Patrick AFB, Fla., area prior to every space shuttle launch and it flew nearly 1,000 missions in support of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita reconnaissance and rescue in 2005. It also owns and operates a fleet of emergency command and control ground vehicles to help coordinate search activities.



Every year, senior CAP squadrons fly 95 percent of the aerial search and rescue mission within the continental United States as directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. It recorded more than 3,000 missions in this role in 2005 and is credited with saving 73 lives. The CAP is currently acquiring eight Gips Skyvan aircraft equipped with hyper-spectral imaging devices for locating downed or lost people. It also regularly participates in drug

interdiction missions and assists in patrolling the national borders.

A senior squadron is also active in San Antonio, meeting twice monthly at Brooks-City Base. It can be reached via the Internet at www.tx424.com.

"Joining the CAP does not obligate a cadet to join the military," said CAP 2nd Lt. Michael Anderson (active duty senior airman), "but there can be a benefit for the cadet who applies himself or herself. If a cadet reaches cadet officer rank, which requires at least 18 months of hard work, the cadet can be awarded the active duty rank of E-3 if they enlist in the Air Force. About 10 percent of the entering class at the Air Force Academy are former CAP cadets, which tells us something about the success of our leadership training programs," he said.

For more information, visit the Randolph CAP squadron Web site at www.rafbcap.org.

Randolph speakers reach out, tell AF story

By Megan Orton
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office invites base personnel to be a part of the speakers' bureau program.

The speakers' bureau program allows Team Randolph personnel from various fields to interact with community members in the San Antonio area through a variety of speaking opportunities. These events include community career days, leadership organization meetings, and military-related events.

"Speakers are afforded great opportunities to learn from former military members who are part of Air Force history, and influence the future by representing the opportunities the Air Force has to offer to local students," said Capt. Peter Reddan, speakers' bureau member. "We bring the Air Force outside the gates and into the community."

Last year, speakers' bureau members attended 19 events to speak about Randolph Air Force Base and tell their Air Force stories, reaching a total audience of 1,750 people. This year 30 speaking engagements have taken place,



Capt. Deric Prescott (left), 12th Flying Training Wing Military Justice chief and speakers' bureau member, talks to a class of 5th graders at the Baskin Academy Nov. 15. Members of the Randolph Speakers' Bureau attend local events and share their experiences in the Air Force. (Photo by Don Lindsey)

reaching more than 5,000 audience members.

"To me, being a speaker is very rewarding because I know that I was able to mentor and influence other people in my community," said Senior Airman Luis Toledo, speakers' bureau member. "People do not always have

someone close by to give them advice and it is rewarding when the audience thanks me for taking some of my time and spending it with them."

Eleven speakers' bureau members attended the Reading for Kids day at Baskin Academy in celebration of Children's Book Week on Nov. 16. The speakers read books and answered questions about their Air Force jobs from students in grades pre-kindergarten through 5th.

Friday, seven speakers' bureau members attended a career day at Corbett Junior High School in Schertz and gave 25-minute presentations to 7th and 8th grade students about their Air Force jobs.

Local organizations request speakers for events through the public affairs office. When PA receives a request, it's forwarded electronically to the speakers' bureau call list for volunteers. Participation is on a volunteer basis.

"As speakers, we are truly humbled to see how much the community appreciates the men and women of the Air Force," Captain Reddan said.

For more information on the speakers' bureau program, contact the 12th FTW public affairs office at 652-4407/4410.

Lodging collects caps, helps local children

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

What started as one Coca Cola collector's quest for a leather jacket, quickly led to the selfless generosity of an entire unit to help others who are less fortunate.

This winter, members of the 12th Services Division are sponsoring a San Antonio Boysville cottage of 11 girls ranging from 3 months to 17 years old.

But in addition to purchasing items on their Christmas lists, the unit is also able to provide some bonus gifts for each girl due to a special program the base lodging assistant manager discovered.

Mike Porter has been collecting Coca Cola bottle caps for some time, saving their point values in the product Web site to earn prizes.

"I had my hopes set on this leather jacket, but I knew it was going to take me a long time to earn enough points to get it," he said. "I didn't really start accumulating points until shortly after I saw my division chief Ms. Heagerty drinking a coke one day at a meeting and asked if I could have

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Mike Porter
12th Services Division

her bottle cap. Not long after that, she got the word out about my collecting points and the whole division starting giving me caps."

Mr. Porter said he started receiving caps from everywhere.

"My boss Mary Eddy, the laborers, maintenance folks, front desk and housekeepers after cleaning out rooms, the child development center, the command staff – everyone," he said. "Before I knew it I had thousands of points!"

But with so many people helping out, Mr. Porter said he felt wrong spending all the points on something just for him.

"That's when I found out you could cash them in for other items that are really popular with Boysville children such as disposable cameras, movie tickets and movie rental gift cards," he said. "It was the perfect way to use the points everyone had worked so hard to obtain."

In addition to the gifts Mr. Porter and Ms. Eddy selected for the children, he also used the points to purchase a Coca Cola racing team tire that he thought symbolized the unit's coming together for a greater cause.

"Our motto is 'one team, one choice, one mission,'" he said, "and working together the way we did shows that together we can accomplish a lot. I thought the tire was very symbolic in that."

Today, the tire hangs in another unit member's office, an avid Coca Cola collector and NASCAR fan, who Mr. Porter said most deserved it.

"I know it means a lot to him and he will cherish it forever," said Mr. Porter. "That's what this is all about – working as a team and taking care of others."

Those interested in helping the San Antonio Boysville, can log on to its Web site at www.boysvilletexas.org or call (210) 659-1901.

Cooking fires cause concern during holidays

Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Most cooking equipment fires start with the ignition of common household items (e.g., food or grease, cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, curtains, etc.).

HOT FACTS

- Between 1999-2002, there were 114,000 reported home fires associated with cooking equipment every year, resulting in 290 annual deaths and 4,380 injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Three in 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.
- Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove.
- Electric ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries and property damage, compared to gas ranges or stoves, but gas ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.

[Source: National Fire Protection Association's "Home

Cooking Fire Patterns and Trends" by John Hall, Jr.)

SAFETY TIPS

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet (1 meter) around the stove. Keep pets from underfoot so you do not trip while cooking. Also, keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto burner.
- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.

- Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool.
- Never pour water on a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.
- If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing.
- If there is a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug the microwave. Call the fire department and make sure to have the oven serviced before you use it again. Food cooked in a microwave can be dangerously hot. Remove the lids or other coverings from microwaved food carefully to prevent steam burns.
- NFPA does not test, label or approve any products. (Courtesy of www.nfpa.org)

MOVIES



Randolph Movie Theater
652-3278
Adults - \$3.50
Children (12 yrs. and under) **\$1.75**

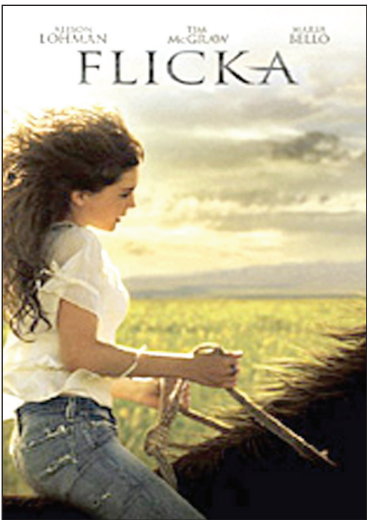


“The Departed”

Friday – 7 p.m.
Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon
Rated R, 149 min.
A Boston cop goes under cover to infiltrate a local gang, meanwhile a career criminal infiltrates the police department and reports on its activities to his syndicate bosses. When both organizations learn they have a spy among them, the two must figure out each other’s identities.

“Flicka”

Saturday – 2 p.m.
Alison Lohan, Tim McGraw
Rated PG, 100 min.
Based on the novel by Mary O’Hara, a young Wyoming teenager tames and befriends a mustang, she names Flicka, on her family’s ranch. But when her father sells the horse, the teen finds herself scheming to win it back by entering a dangerous race.



“Man of the Year”

Saturday – 6 p.m., Sunday – 6 p.m.
Robin Williams, Laura Linney
Rated PG-13, 115 min.
A comedic political talk show host decides to stir things up by running for president of the United States. But a glitch in a new electronic based voting system causes the stunt to backfire and he unexpectedly finds himself elected into office.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHAPEL SERVICES
652-6121

Catholic
Saturday – Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Sunday – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2
Sunday – No Religious Education class
Next Monday- Friday – Rosary at 11:10 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 7-9 p.m. in the chapel center; Traditional Choir practice at 6

p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2
Friday - Saturday – Eucharistic Adoration after 11:30 Daily Mass until Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 1

Ecumenical
Monday – Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center
Wednesday – Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center

Protestant
Sunday – Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., Contemporary service at 10 a.m. and Gospel service at 11:30 a.m. all in

Chapel 1; Protestant Youth Bible Study “Xtreme Youth” for junior and senior high school students from 4:30-6 p.m. at the chapel center
Monday – Scrapbooking from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center; Men’s Gospel Service choir from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1
Wednesday – Women’s Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7-8:30 p.m. at 10 Main Circle

Thursday – Women’s Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Praise team meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USO Thanksgiving dinner
The San Antonio USO hosts a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for military members and their families. For reservations, call 227-9373, ext. 12.

SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS

Lodging available
Customers can reserve rooms at Randolph Lodging for families and friends visiting over the holiday.
For availability and rates, call 652-1844.

Information, Tickets & Travel
652-5640

Special events tickets available
• Discounted tickets are available for Scooby-Doo at the Majestic Theater on Dec. 3 for the 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. shows. Prices vary according to seating. Children over one year require a ticket.
• Tickets are available for Chicago at the Majestic Theater on Dec 14, 16 and 17. Prices vary according to seating.

TicketMaster events
• Nutcracker with the San Antonio Symphony Friday through Sunday at the Majestic Theater.
• Cool Jazz Christmas on Dec 2 at 8 p.m. at the Lila Cockrell Theater.
• Mannheim Steamrollers Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the AT&T Center.

Resort vacation special
Armed Forces Vacation Club offers a seven-night “Space A” condominium rental around the world for only \$299.

Search for available resorts at www.afvclub.com. Call 1-800-724-9988 to reserve a condo and provide them with the Randolph code of #181.

Main Street Bethlehem tour
ITT offers a trip to ‘Main Street Bethlehem’ in Burnet, Texas on Dec. 9. Ancient Bethlehem comes alive as townspeople and street vendors recreate the birth of Jesus.
The deadline to sign up is Saturday. For details, call 652-5640.

Party equipment rental
A large selection of party equipment is available for rent at the equipment checkout office.
For more information, call 652-5640.

YOUTH CENTER
652-2088

December holiday camp
Holiday camp registration is being conducted until December 8. Holiday camp will start December 18 and end on the Dec 29. A deposit of \$30 is required for each child for each week of camp attended.

Instructional classes
There are openings in the following youth center instructional classes: gymnastics, advanced tumbling, cheerleading, gymnastics, piano, guitar, clarinet and dance, including jazz, tap and ballet.

For more information, call Karon Letcher or Chris Fussell at 652-2088/3298.

ENLISTED CLUB
652-3056

Randolph Karaoke Idol
All Department of Defense ID cardholders can compete in the Randolph Karaoke Idol contest Wednesday at 7 p.m. The winner receives \$10 in club bucks and a spot in the Randolph Karaoke Star of the Year contest Dec. 20.

Bingo specials
• Bingo is offered Monday to Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the ballroom.
• Big Bucks Bingo is offered Sundays at 3 p.m.

OFFICERS’ CLUB
652-4864

Friday night dining
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the officers’ club will be open for evening dining only this Friday. Prime Rib will be the featured entrée.

Champagne Sunday brunch
A Sunday brunch is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$14.95 for members and \$17.95 for nonmembers.

Birthday buffet
The next monthly members Birthday Buffet takes place Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is free for birthday members and spouse with a club card and I.D.

BOWLING CENTER
652-6271

Renovations
The Sparetime Grill will close for renovation on December 4. The bowling center will remain open during all phases of the renovation.

Family Day bowling special
Families can purchase the Family Day Special Friday from 1-8 p.m., which includes two games of bowling, shoes, four large drinks and a pizza for a family of four for \$30. Prices can be prorated based on family size.

ARTS and CRAFTS CENTER
652-2788

Holiday gifts
The arts and crafts center has a variety of Christmas items for sale including personalized ornaments and angels. Customers can also work on handmade holiday gifts.
For details, call 652-2788.

Gearing Up for Flight

Life support maintenance vital to training missions

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Before any flying mission ever gets off the ground, there is a group of technicians who meticulously inspect vital equipment systems they hope the pilot will never have to use.

"Your life is our business" is a motto proudly displayed in the work center of the 12th Operational Support Squadron life support section. Their mission, alongside their mission partners from the 12th Maintenance parachute fabrication flight, egress systems flight, and the 12th Logistics Readiness Division, ensure that if anything went wrong in flight the pilot would have the equipment and the training to return to safety.

"No pilot ever wants to use what we provide, but our job is to ensure our pilots have flawless equipment and extensive training so they have every available tool at their disposal to keep them alive," said Wayne Joy, 12th OSS life support technician.

Leather helmets, warm flight jackets and parachutes were standard issue when Randolph Field opened its doors to primary flight training in 1930, but aircraft and cockpit environments have changed considerably since then.

Today aircrews of high performance military aircraft are typically shown in movies climbing into their cockpits with hard helmets under their arms and loaded with all kinds of obscure flight gear so they can survive in the harsh world of aerial dog fighting.

The story behind the media image, however, is one of detailed training, diligent work, and meticulous quality control. Protecting the aircrews' lives throughout the full range of possible aerial hazards is a task taken seriously by not only the aircrews, but also by all the life support technicians.

Although aircrews in the T-38, T-37 and T-6 all have similar life support equipment, there are detailed differences tailored to match the aircraft. The aircrews also have certain pieces of equipment tailored or adjusted to fit their particular physiques. Aircrews flying in the T-1 and T-43 aircraft work in multi-crewed environments with very different life support systems that are required only for emergency situations.

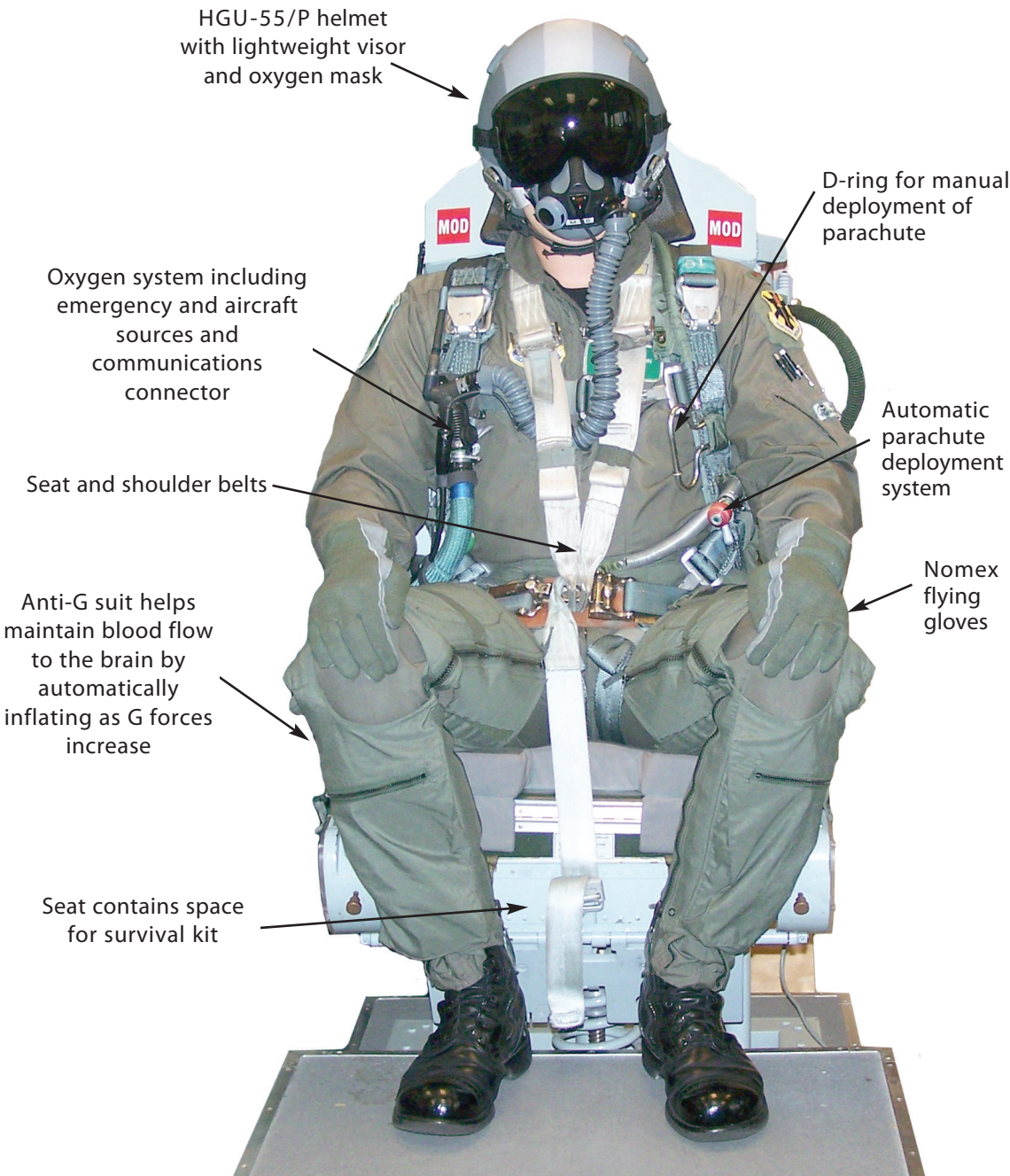
The consistent element in all these systems is the level of coordination it takes to place the equipment on board the aircraft, maintain that equipment and document every step along the way. For example, every aircraft ejection seat carries a number of pyrotechnic devices to properly sequence the egress process. The munitions flight of the 12th LRD maintains those devices. The 12th MX egress flight maintains the ejection seats themselves.

The life rafts carried on the T-43 aircraft include flare guns and flares, also maintained by the munitions flight. Should the T-43s or the T-1s, both fully pressurized aircraft, lose pressurization, the crews can don oxygen masks, maintained by the 12th OSS life support technicians who specialize in those aircraft systems. These specialists also maintain the smoke hoods available to students on the T-43s, should they need to evacuate a burning aircraft on the ground.

Life support systems for the aircraft with ejection seats represent another level of complexity. Again, it takes coordination among the various life support and survival equipment specialists to put the full life-support package together.

The goal in all their efforts is the safe return of the aircrews. If the missions are completed as planned, the equipment is counted as so much unused life insurance. But when the unplanned happens, lives depend on the quality of workmanship that has gone into the equipment and its maintenance. That's when the sense of pride and accomplishment comes in for these often unsung heroes of the flight line.

"As any aviator will tell you, the life support people are as much a part of the flying operation as we are," said Lt. Col. Ronald Perrilloux, 560th FTS commander. "My life support folks directly impact my ability to do my job. Without the outstanding support of that team, flying training at Randolph would grind to a halt in a matter of minutes."



Dan Guerra, 12th Operations Support Squadron life support technician, inspects the helmet and oxygen mask of a T-6A pilot. (Photo by Steve White)



Leon Hitchens, 12th OSS life support technician, checks out the special mask and oxygen mask used for emergencies in the T-1 aircraft. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)



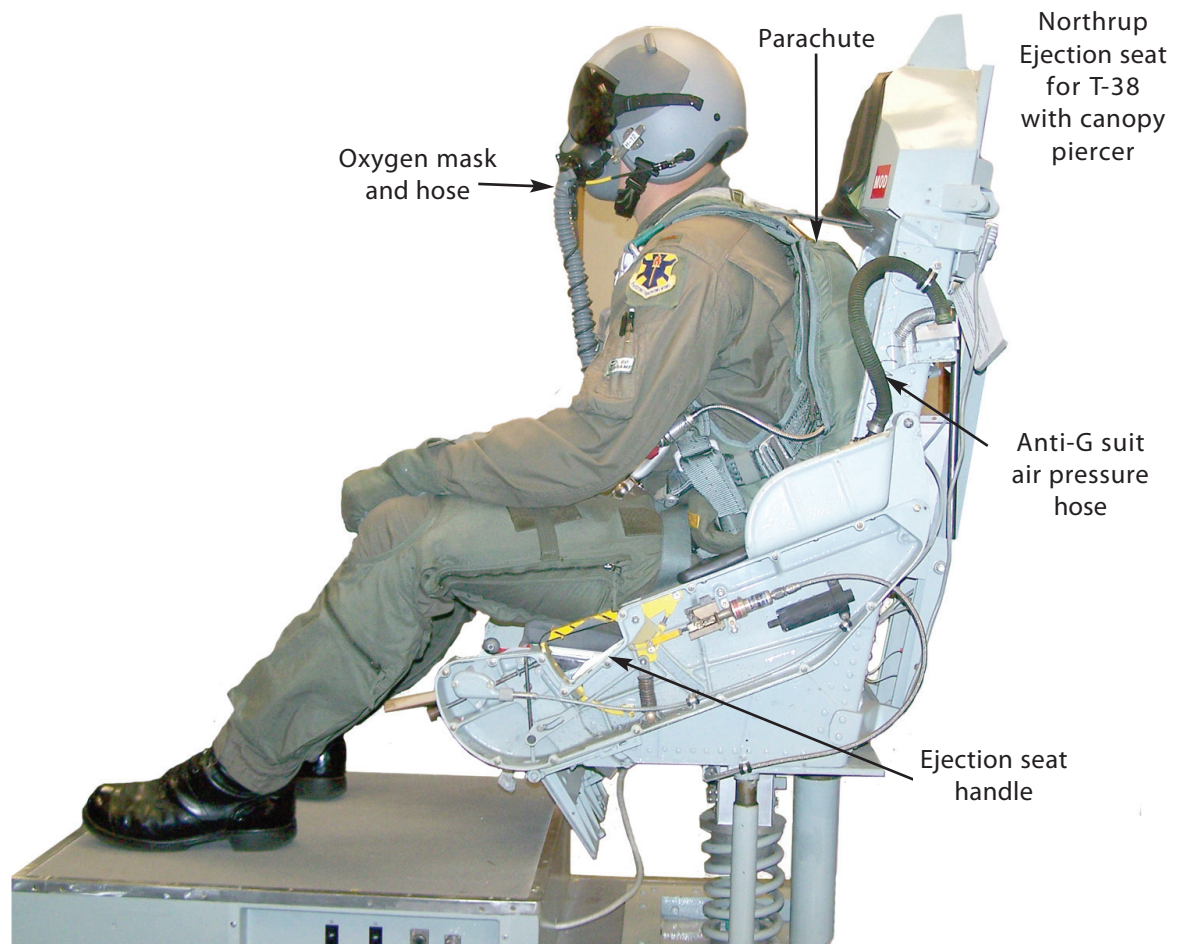
Eugene Lott, 12th OSS parachute specialist, repacks a parachute. (Photo by Steve White)



A T-6 survival kit lays open on the life support table. The kit contains an emergency beacon, survival radio, compass, flares, medical kit and a signal mirror. (Photo by Steve White)



Close-up of Eugene Lott's hands showing one of the many fine details that must be carefully fitted together so that a pilot's parachute can open correctly in an emergency even though it was packed months before. (Photo by Steve White)



Wayne Joy, 12th OSS life support technician, inspects a PRC-90-2 survival radio which a pilot would use to communicate with rescue forces for recovery. (Photo by Steve White)

Randolph Skeet Team places first

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread editor

A Randolph Skeet Team was named champions, in the 5-Man Team Challenge skeet shooting competition, at the Randolph skeet ranges Saturday. Hugh Milner and Matt Hansen, from the winning Randolph Skeet Team #1, had perfect 100 scores, while Greg Paillex had 99 and Robert Henderson and Shawn Scott had 98.

Six teams from different gun clubs in Texas, joined two Randolph teams here to compete against each other for a rotating trophy to keep at their club.

Teams traveled here from Austin, Spring Branch and Uvalde. The San Antonio gun club, the National Skeet Shooting Association and Trinity Universtiy also sent teams to compete.

The 5-Man Team Challenge is a roving tournament, held twice a year at different skeet ranges in Texas. This is the first time the event was held on Randolph.

Texas is a hub for the sport of skeet shooting according to The National Skeet Shooting Association, which houses their headquarters in San Antonio. The World Skeet Shooting Championships are also held in Texas.

"I got into skeet shooting in Fort Lauderdale, Fl., but moved to Texas to compete," said Teri Scooler, member of the Spring Branch skeet team. "I started shooting for fun and got hooked

on the competition."
During the competition, the five-person teams collectively shoot at 100 targets per event, 25 per round at eight stations. Each shooter's goal is to hit all the targets to give them a score of 100. Although this is the first year the Randolph Skeet Ranges hosted this event, they were already recognized throughout the skeet shooting community.

The Randolph ranges have been selected by the NSSA as the Top Small Club of the Nation for 2003, 2005 and 2006.

"This award means a lot to our club," said Denny Taylor, Director of Outdoor Recreation. "We have worked hard and our work has payed off."

The Randolph Skeet Ranges are located on the West side of base, passed Eberle Park.

Team Randolph members are welcome to come out to the ranges and try their hand at skeet shooting, said Mr. Taylor.

"No experience with skeet shooting or shot guns is necessary," he said. "There is always someone at the range who can teach and coach you on the gun and skeet shooting."

The ranges have 17 shotguns available for rent to Randolph members for \$5 a day. Shooters must supply their own ammo.

For more information about the Randolph Skeet Ranges, call Denny Taylor at 652-2064.



The Trinity University Skeet Team participated in the 5-Man Team Skeet Competition, Saturday, at the Randolph Skeet Ranges. Each team member shot at 100 targets for a cumulative score. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

This week's Flag Football Standings

TEAMS	W O N	LOST	PF	PA	G B
12 MSS	1	0	14	7	-
12 SFS	1	0	13	12	-
AETC/CSS	0	0	0	0	0.5
12 CONS	0	1	12	13	1.0
562 BIG KATS	0	1	7	14	1.0
AFRS	1	0	20	7	-
AFPC	1	0	19	6	-
AFOMS	1	0	12	0	-
562 FTS/G-HAD	0	1	7	20	1.0
562 FTS INSTRUCTORS	0	1	6	19	1.0
12 MDG	0	1	0	12	1.0

SPORTS BRIEFS

Air Force Academy football tickets

The North Texas Association of Air Force Academy Graduates invites members to a pre-game tailgate party prior to the AFA football game against the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs on Dec. 2 at Fort Worth.

For more information visit www.usafaclases.org/awayevents2006/TCU/index.htm.

Tee times

Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance. Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active-duty members in their group to qualify for a tee time.

To sign up, send an e-mail to tee.time@randolph.af.mil.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of fitness classes throughout the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates, and yoga.

The cost is \$3 per class or patrons can purchase a \$25 card good for 10 classes.

SF combat golf tournament

The 12th Security Forces Squadron hosts a Combat Golf Tournament, Dec. 7, at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Players will receive the rules of the game upon arrival.

During the game, golfers will fullfill a variety of requirements, such as teeing off while wearing a gas mask or handcuffs, among other surprises. An opposing force will also be on hand to add unexpected events along the course.

Pre-registration is encouraged, although sign up is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Anyone associated with Randolph is eligible to participate.

Tee time for the first four-person scramble is 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for non-club members and \$20 for members.

To register, or for more information, call Bob Vickers, 652-5600, or Tech. Sgt. Fontenot, 652-2744.

Holiday half-marathon relay

The fitness center hosts a Holiday Cheer Half Marathon Relay on Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. at Eberle Park.

The teams will consist of four people and each member will run or walk 5 kilometers. The event is free.



Intramural Bowling Standings

as of Monday

Team	W	L
AFPOA	56	24
CS	52	28
AETC/FM	52	28
AETC/CSS	50	30
AETC/A4/7	50	30
AFSVA	48	32
AFSAT	44	36
JPPSO	42	38
CPTS/MSS	42	38
STINKBUGS	40	40
MSG	40	40
AFMA	40	40
AFOMS	39	41
RATS	38	42
HERE TO	38	42
SFS	36	44
DFAS	36	44
AETC/LG2	36	44
AFPC	34	46
MED GP	34	46
SCRUBS	28	52
SVS	26	54
12TH MX	22	58
BYE	37	43

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
AETC/CSS	2827
AETC/A4/7	2645
AFPOA	2640
TEAM HANDICAP SERIES	
STINKBUGS	3273
RATS	3225
AFOMS	3134
TEAM SCRATCH GAME	
Team	Score
AFPC	957
AETC/FM	896
SVS	872

Team	Score
CS	1111
CPTS/MSS	1107
DFAS	1066

SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Bruce Stauff	668
Jim Layman Jr.	656
Curtis Lawrence Jr.	637
Women	Score
Lori Trainor	554
Lisa Barker	469
Shirley Harmon	442

HANDICAP SERIES

Men	Score
Pup Shortland	782
Bob Stahl	727
Ken Khoma	711
Women	Score
Sheila Lawrence	716
Cathy Harrison	644
Lupe Hernandez	625

Energy efficiency takes bite out of heating bills

By Francis Dinh
Randolph Energy Office

The US Department of Energy estimates that close to 45 percent of the average home utility bill goes to heating and cooling the home. The colder weather offers an opportunity to save energy dollars. Below are some hints to help make energy efficient decisions at home during the winter.

- During winter, continuing to set the thermostat low will minimize the use of a home's heating system. The temperature standard for office buildings on base, during the heating season, is between 70 and 72 degrees.
- Verify that all windows and doors are completely

shut and latched properly. Outside air can sneak through small gaps in doors and windows that are not shut tightly. Checking seals around door frames will ensure there are no gaps between the frame and the door itself.

- Fixing broken windows or door locks and cracks in doorway frames will help cut down on cold air entering a home.
- Any flooring other than carpet will seem colder during the winter time. Placing area rugs or small carpets down on wood floor or tile areas will help the home seem much warmer.
- Minimize the use of bathroom fans or kitchen fans. A bathroom fan can suck all of the heat out of a home. In the long run, use of a bathroom fan can increase the

cost of the heating bill.

- Wearing long-sleeve clothing during winter months will help maintain comfort without having to run the heating system.
- Properly maintaining the heating system is also important. A poor heating system will cost more money in the long run because it has to run for a longer period of time. Randolph housing maintenance schedules heating system maintenance once per year.
- Changing the filter in the heating system will reduce how hard it has to work. Filters should be checked monthly and replaced when dirty.

Randolph AFB housing maintenance can be contacted at 652-1856 for replacement air filters and repair work orders.

Don't Drown Your Career

with
too much Beer

0-0-1-3

IT'S NOT PROHIBITION.
IT'S A RESPONSIBLE DRINKING CULTURE.

The standard 0-0-1-3

0 Drinks under 21

0 DUIs

Max 1 drink per hour

Max 3 drinks in one night